Construction of Yatri Niwas

352. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Yatri Niwas type accommodation has been provided by the Railways;

(b) if so, the names of the places where such accommodation has been provided with purpose behind the same;

(c) whether charges for such accommodation have also been fixed;

(d) if so, the details thereof, accommodation-wise;

(e) whether these charges have clearly been displayed in all Yatri Niwases;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether Government propose to construct more of such accommodation in future; and

(h) if so, the names of places selected for the purpose and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) New Delhi and Howrah. These Yatri Niwases are essentially an extension of the Retiring Room facilities provided to the travelling public.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Rail Yatri Niwas, New Delhi have following type of accommodation :

Double bedded rooms (with attached bath) . . .	Rs. 175/- per room per day
Double bedded rooms (with common bath)	Rs. 150/- per room per day
Four bedded rooms (Dormitories)	Rs. 50/- per bed per day
Five and six beded rooms (Dormitories);	Rs. 45/- per bed per day

Rail Yatri Niwas, Howrah have following type of accommodation:

A.C. Double bedded rooms	Rs. 300/-per room per day
Non-A.C. Double bedded rooms	Rs. 200/-per room per day
Non-A.C. three bedded rooms	Rs. 225/- per room per day
Five and Seven bedded rooms (Dormitories) . . .	Rs. 50/-per bed per day

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Rates have been displayed on the notice board in the Reception area of Rail Yatri Niwases of Howrah and New Delhi.

(g) and (h) Construction of Rail Yatri Niwases at Gorakhpur and Ujjain has already been taken up.

Charges on computerised ticket

353. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that charges on computerised tickets have been revised recently ;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives thereof ;

(c) whether such increase would ensure efficient working by the staff working on these computers;

(d) whether Government propose to fix any time-limit for passengers to be dealt with by staff of computerised reservation office; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Reservation charges on computerised tickets have been revised w.e.f. 1-2-92. The revison is intended to partially offset the cost of computerisation of passenger reservation meant to provide improved quality of service to the travelling public. The details of the enhanced reservation charges through computrised passenger reservation system are as under:

	Rs.
II Class (sitting) . . .	3·00
II Sleeper	7·00
A.C. Chair Car . . .	10·00
First Class/AC Sleeper .	10·00
A.C. First Class . . .	20·00

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The time taken to deal with passenger depends on a number of factors such as the enquiries made, onward and/or return reservations requested, concessions sought etc. However, all attempts are being made through improvements in software, upgradation of hardware and opening of additional counters during peak hours etc. to ensure that customers are serviced within reasonable time.

कर्णाटक और गोवा के लिए नई पर्यटक रेलगाड़ियों का चलाया जाना

354. डा० **बापू कालदाते** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कर्णाटक और गोवा के लिए एक नई पर्यटक रेलगाड़ी प्रारम्भ की जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार महाराष्ट्र के पर्यटन स्थलों के लिए औरंगाबाद, नासिक, अहमदनगर, पुणे और कोल्हापुर के बीच कोई पर्यटक रेलगाड़ी चलाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) रेलों के पास इस समय संसाधनों की भारी तंगी है और सवारी डिब्बों के निर्माण की क्षमता का अभाव है, साथ ही उन्हें नियमित सेवाओं में लगाने की भारी मांग भी है ।

Conversion of Metre Gauge

355. **SHRI SURESH PACHOURI**: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to convert metre gauge rail tracks into broad gauge during the 8th Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have earmarked any metre gauge tracks in the State of Madhya Pradesh for being converted into broad-gauge during the said plan period; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The conversions proposed to be taken up in the first year of 8th Five Year Plan are contained in the book "Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme of Railway for 1992-93" supplied alongwith the Budget papers.

(c) and (d) No, Sir, However, conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia NG line (226 Km, 212 Km in MP) to BG line has been included in the works to be taken up during the 8th Plan.

रेलवे द्वारा मानार्थ पासों का जारी किया जाना

356. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 25 जून, 1991 से 31 जनवरी, 1993 तक की अवधि के दौरान रेलवे ने कुल कितने मानार्थ पास जारी किए हैं; और

(ख) लाभ भोगियों के विवरण सहित इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) 25-6-91 से 31-1-92 तक की अवधि के दौरान सैंतालीस मानार्थ कार्ड पास जारी किए गए थे ।

(ख) एक विवरण संलग्न है । (**देखिए** परिशिष्ट 162 अनुषंग संख्या 10)

Increase in Luggage charges

357. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have announced an increase of 30 per cent